



June 30, 2017

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 29, Michael Burke from Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc. (MTA) and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) conducted separate *ex parte* meetings with Amy Bender from Commissioner O’Rielly’s office and Claude Aiken from Commissioner Clyburn’s office.

The *ex parte* meetings focused on a discussion of the reasons to grant the recent forbearance petition filed on June 14, 2017 by NTCA and USTelecom for targeted, temporary forbearance from application of contributions obligations on broadband internet access transmission services pending USF comprehensive contributions reform. We also discussed MTA’s progress on its Alaska Plan performance obligations.

As required by the Commission’s rules, this *ex parte* record is now filed in the above referenced docket. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 6/30/17

Jeffrey H. Smith
President and CEO

Copy to:

Amy Bender, FCC
Claude Aiken, FCC